

# BOOKER





# SPRING RELEASE

## TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

### 2016 RIPPER \$85

#### 100% GRENACHE

This wine is so sexy and seductive! Just a pure, feminine wine that is true to its variety. At its best from Booker, Ripper is from a North facing block and is not a massive, dark, heavy wine. Like other great vintages of Ripper, the 2017 is a bowl full of red fruits with the perfect amount of acid and a generous amount of mid-palate weight. Don't confuse it to be a Tuesday night wine, I would blind-match this Grenache with the top Grenaches in the world (especially the ones that don't need to add Syrah to be great!). You can enjoy this Grenache starting this spring through 2022. Yes, it will last long, but why take a red fruit wine that is so balanced and beautiful now and age it?? Capture the freshness of this wine earlier than later.

### 2016 OUBLIÉ \$75

#### 55% GRENACHE, 40% MOURVÈDRE, 5% SYRAH

This wine is a perfect example of how close Paso Robles can resemble the great houses in Chateauneuf Du Pape. In the early days I always chickened out and added too much Syrah thinking the world only wanted big, heavy wines. For the past several years we have been very true to CDP with this wine and prefer using Grenache as the base with a heavy dose of Mourvèdre. Oublié always has great acid that makes the beautiful flavors pop, but this year in particular I trusted one of our associate winemakers Kyle Jury and chose the fresher, pure blend as opposed to one with more wood and Syrah. Admittedly nervous at first, this wine is a homerun. In the beginning Oublié was a tough sell with a name and varieties that are hard to pronounce, but now that the critics have fallen in love with it so have the consumers. This will rival the 14 as the best we have ever made.

### 2016 FRACTURE \$98

#### 100% SYRAH

Our single-most consistent wine that we make is our beloved flagship Fracture. This 100% Syrah always stands toe-to-toe with the top Syrahs in the world and the 16 version will not disappoint. Opulent, soft, round and seamless are words that come to mind when I drink this. As always it comes from our top blocks of Syrah and ages in about 70% new oak, and always boasts silky texture and a long finish. Best now thru 2023.

### 2016 VERTIGO \$75

#### 52% SYRAH, 30% GRENACHE, 18% MOURVÈDRE

Booker's original GSM (Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre) is really taking on a life of its own. As we move toward the future we will craft this wine with even more spice and aromatics. The 16 version has dark black fruits that are followed with a soft mid-palate that lets the Grenache shine through. The finish is long and spicy, returning to its Syrah and Mourvèdre backbones. A bit tight now, this vintage of Vertigo (like past vintages) will need a year of collaring for maximum enjoyment, but will surely satisfy!

### 2016 TEMPRANILLO \$85

#### 100% TEMPRANILLO

Our Tempranillo has really evolved into one of the bigger, darker and richer ones in the world. If you're looking for a light Temp, stay away from this beast. Big, black fruits highlighted by ground espresso and cocoa, the Temp will be better in a year but with a splash can be enjoyed now.

### 2016 FULLDRAW \$75

#### RED BLEND

This vintage of Fulldraw goes back to its original style of being a bigger wine with massive texture. In years (like the 2016!) where the Syrah and Mourvèdre are plentiful this wine is a brute. Although it has Grenache, the Mourvèdre and Syrah practically knock you down on the front palate. Then, it continues to flow across the mid-palate with great big tannins and a dark chocolate brownie flavor that carries to a long finish. This wine will take 12 months of bottle-aging to reach its peak.

THESE WINES WERE RECENTLY BOTTLED.  
WE ADVISE TO WAIT UNTIL JULY BEFORE CONSUMING.